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Louisville Woman Pleads Guilty to Insurance Fraud

Misrepresented circumstances of accident; to make restitution to insurer

FRANKFORT, KY (March 23, 2009) – A Louisville woman pleaded guilty March 5 to one felony count of insurance fraud after providing false testimony about the circumstances surrounding an automobile accident. The case was investigated by the Kentucky Department of Insurance (DOI) Fraud Investigation Division.

According to Jefferson Circuit Court records, Linda M. Schierer, 70, told her insurer, Nationwide Insurance Company of America, that she damaged her 2008 Toyota Corolla when she hit a concrete post in a grocery store's parking lot. An investigation determined that the damage was not consistent with hitting a post and Nationwide denied the claim. Schierer admitted that she had been involved in a collision and had left the scene of the accident.

She was ordered to pay \$350 in restitution to the insurance company. Her one-year sentence is diverted for one year and will be dismissed if she makes complete restitution.

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